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第一部分

50 天词汇突破

Day 1

reticent *a.* 不爱说话的; 沉默寡言的

taciturn *a.* 一句话也不说的
(同) close-mouthed

precipitous *a.* ① (山) 陡峭的
② (做事) 仓促的

versatile *a.* 多才多艺的

commemorate *v.* 纪念

circumspect *a.* 慎重的
(同) prudent

circumscribe *v.* 限制

pejorative *a.* 诋毁的
例: I agree I am ambitious, but I don't see that as a *pejorative* term. (我承认我有野心, 但我不认为“野心”是个贬义词。)
(同) disparaging (*v.* disparage), belittling (*v.* belittle)

maven *n.* 专家; 内行

disquisition *n.* 专题演讲或讨论

flout *v.* 嘲笑
(同) jeer, sneer, mock, scoff

flaunt *v.* 炫耀

deride *v.* 嘲笑 (*n.* derision, *a.* derisive)

disdain *n.* 藐视 (*a.* disdainful)
(同) contempt

peevish *a.* 坏脾气的

raucous *a.* noisily and disorderly 吵吵闹闹的
(同) boisterous, vociferous

repository *n.* ① 集大成者
② 储藏室
例: The book is the *repository* of the Western civilization. (本书集西方文化之大成。)

erratic *a.* irregular 无规则的

improvidence *n.* rashness 莽撞

peril *n.* danger 危险 (*a.* perilous = dangerous)
(同) hazard (*a.* hazardous)

indignant *a.* very angry
(同) exasperated, irate, furious

indigent *a.* poor 贫穷的
(同) destitute, impoverished, penurious, impecunious



巩固练习

1) Match the Word with its Definition

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. flaunt | a) bad-tempered |
| _____ 2. circumspect | b) the feeling that someone or something is not good enough to deserve one's respect |
| _____ 3. taciturn | c) not following regular pattern |
| _____ 4. peevish | d) to restrict, to limit |
| _____ 5. indignant | e) to show possessions, abilities or qualities in an obvious way to impress others |
| _____ 6. perilous | f) tending to not say very much, seemingly unfriendly |
| _____ 7. disdain | g) feeling very angry |
| _____ 8. erratic | h) dangerous |
| _____ 9. circumscribe | i) a detailed explanation of a particular subject |
| _____ 10. disquisition | j) cautious in what should be said or done and not taking risk |

Answer Key

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. e | 2. j | 3. f | 4. a | 5. g | 6. h | 7. b | 8. c | 9. d | 10. i |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|

2) Multiple Choices

- It is surprising to see Mary, a normally _____ girl, talk continuously at such an occasion.
a) circumspect b) derisive c) talkative d) disparaging
e) reticent
- He writes not only poems, but also dramas, demonstrating he is a _____ writer.
a) versatile b) pejorative c) disdainful d) raucous
e) circumspect
- The tranquility of the sea on the surface covers the _____ it may contain.

- a) perils b) disquisition c) destitution d) improvidence
e) commemoration
4. The political rights of citizens may be _____ by the monolithic political system of their country.
a) circumvented b) magnified c) circumscribed d) commemorated
e) approved
5. Joseph is amazed by mouth-watering dishes concocted (= made) by the culinary _____ in a high-end restaurant.
a) supplier b) novice c) disquisition d) repository
e) maven
6. The newborn's _____ heart beats trigger her parents' apprehension (担心).
a) predictable b) versatile c) erratic d) steady
e) lively
7. The protagonist in this novel is characterized by his _____ and recklessness; his brother, however, is known for his precision and painstaking attention to details.
a) omnipotence b) improvidence c) providence d) meticulousness
e) seriousness

Answer Key

1. e 2. a 3. a 4. c 5. e 6. c 7. b

Day 2

bereave *v.* 丧亲 a bereaved family = a bereft family (一个丧亲家庭)

solicitous *a.* concerned 关心的; 操心的
例: My mom is always *solicitous* of my health. (我妈妈一直很关心我的健康。)

impervious *a.* impenetrable 不能穿透的 (be ~ to bullets 子弹穿透不过的) → 不受……的影响
例: She seems almost *impervious* to the criticism from all sides. (她几乎不受各方面评论的影响。)

despise *v.* 鄙视
a. despicable 卑鄙的

acrid *a.* (话语) 尖酸刻薄的; 嘲讽的
(同) acrimonious, pungent

arid *a.* (土地) 干旱平瘠的

succulent *a.* juicy 多汁的

truculent *a.* (动物) 凶悍的
(同) ferocious

ambivalent *a.* (人) 心情矛盾的

ambiguous *a.* (意思) 模糊的
(同) vague

indifferent *a.* 对……漠不关心的

impassioned *a.* 充满热情的
(同) avid, passionate, zealous, enthusiastic

impassive *a.* emotionless 无感情的

impasse *n.* deadlock 僵局

demise *n.* 死亡

例: The lack of financial backing finally resulted in the *demise* of the company. (缺乏资金支持最终导致了那家公司倒闭。)

dearth *n.* 缺乏

例: The teacher felt disappointed with the *dearth* of creative students in his class. (老师因班里缺少有创造力的学生感到失望。)

puerile *a.* childish 幼稚的

indelible *a.* 不可抹去的 (an ~ memory)

averse *a.* be ~ to sth 嫌恶的

loathe *v.* 厌恶, 憎恨 loathe doing sth = be loath (a.) to do = hate to do
(同) abhor, abominate, detest



巩固练习

1) Match the Word with its Definition

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| _____ 1. despise | a) a lack of something |
| _____ 2. arid | b) to hate someone or something very much |
| _____ 3. truculent | c) to dislike and have no respect for somebody or something |
| _____ 4. ambivalent | d) having or showing both good and bad feelings about somebody or something |
| _____ 5. solicitous | e) the end or failure of something |
| _____ 6. demise | f) showing strong feeling about something; enthusiastic |
| _____ 7. indelible | g) impossible to forget or remove |
| _____ 8. loathe | h) very dry; very few plant can grow on it |
| _____ 9. dearth | i) bad-tempered and aggressive |
| _____ 10. impassioned | j) showing anxious concern for something |

Answer Key

1. c 2. h 3. i 4. d 5. j 6. e 7. g 8. b 9. a 10. f

2) Multiple Choices

- His _____ remarks exasperate everyone who is present at the meeting.
a) acrid b) vague c) ferocious d) precipitous
e) impassioned
- He is so cruel that he is _____ to others' sufferings.
a) averse b) pungent c) puerile d) taciturn
e) indifferent
- Her poor table manner is openly _____ by the sophisticated socialites.
a) despised b) flaunted c) forbidden d) prompted
e) defended
- Even though he is on a diet, he can hardly resist the temptation of a (an) _____ steak.

- a) delightful b) arid c) succulent d) truculent
e) indelible
5. The chess game reaches _____ when both players have no idea of their next steps.
a) demise b) culmination c) trap d) conclusion
e) impasse
6. Her last trip to Africa, in which she witnessed the rampant (泛滥的;蔓延的) poverty and starvation, leaves her a(an) _____ memory.
a) inedible b) ambivalent c) indelible d) vague
e) indignant
7. The _____ daughter mourns her parents' death in a car accident.
a) amazed b) embarrassed c) bereaved d) solicitous
e) indifferent

Answer Key

1. a 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. e 6. c 7. c

Day 3

loquacious *a.* 多话的; 饶舌的 (*n.* loquacity)

(同) gabby, garrulous

querulous *a.* 爱发牢骚的

myopic *a.* ① 目光短浅的

② (人) 近视的 = nearsighted

n. myopia

discriminate *v.* 歧视 (racial ~)

tenuous *a.* ① 脆弱的 (~ relationship)

② 纤细的 (~ thread)

incorrigible *a.* 屡教不改的 (an ~ habit)

unequivocal *a.* (态度) 明确的; 不含糊的

mundane *a.* ① 普通的 (~ object)

② 世俗的(享受)(~ enjoyment)

(反) spiritual

enlightening *a.* 有启发意义的
(同) edifying

effusive *a.* 热情奔放的

ineffable *a.* 无法言喻的 (~ happiness)

prognosis *n.* (针对病情的) 预

言→预测

congregate *v.* (人) 聚集

(同) rally, aggregate

platitude *n.* 陈词滥调

(同) cliché

redundant *a.* (文字等) 冗长的

(同) superfluous, wordy,

verbose

concise *a.* (语言) 简洁的

(同) succinct, laconic, terse

curt *a.* 简洁的; 有点不礼貌的 (a ~ reply)

provoke *v.* 挑起 (~ an argument)

例: He purposefully *provokes* an argument to embarrass his rivals.
(他故意挑起一场争论来为难他的对手。)

retrenchment *n.* 缩紧开支

entrench *v.* 牢固确定

例: a deeply *entrenched* belief =
a deeply established belief

trenchant *a.* (语言或批评) 尖锐的



巩固练习

1) Match the Word with its Definition

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| _____ 1. unequivocal | a) unable to realize that one's action may have negative consequences; short-sighted |
| _____ 2. edifying | b) likely to improve one's mind or character |
| _____ 3. loquacious | c) showing too much emotion |
| _____ 4. myopic | d) talking too much |
| _____ 5. platitude | e) complaining |
| _____ 6. provoke | f) expressing one's opinion or intention very clearly and firmly |
| _____ 7. concise | g) to deliberately annoy somebody and try to make him behave aggressively |
| _____ 8. effusive | h) giving only the information that is necessary and important, using few words |
| _____ 9. ineffable | i) meaningless and boring statement that has been made many times before in similar situation |
| _____ 10. querulous | j) too great or beautiful to be described in words |

Answer Key

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| 10. e |
| 1. f 2. b 3. d 4. a 5. i 6. g 7. h 8. c 9. j |

2) Multiple Choices

- When you label people as black, yellow or white, you unwittingly (无意中的) show a sense of _____.
a) segregation b) discrimination c) mortification d) superiority
e) congregation
- Tired of life's ups and downs, he leads a life of an ascetic (苦行僧) and permits no _____ enjoyments, such as drinking, smoking, or feasting.
a) spiritual b) religious c) mundane d) sophisticated
e) unusual